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Defence Minister visits Kodagu

- Announces Rs. 7 crore from Karnataka Defence Units
- Donates Rs. 1 cr. from MP Fund

Madikeri, Aug. 24 (PS &BCT)- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman visited the flood-and-landslide affected areas of Kodagu, especially Madapura and took stock of the measures taken by the Armed Forces in mitigating the sufferings of people. She also visited some relief camps and interacted with flood victims. At a relief camp at Mythri Police Bhavan in Madikeri, she squatted on the floor to speak with children.

At Madikeri, she announced that she will direct all the defence units in Karnataka to donate a total of Rs. 7 crore for Kodagu flood relief and also said that she will release Rs. 1 crore from her MP fund.

The Union Minister arrived at the Mysore Airport last evening in a special Indian Air Force aircraft and this morning, a chopper flew her to Harangi Helipad at 9 am. She immediately left for Madapura by road, cancelling her scheduled visit to Kushalnagar that was flooded due to massive water release from Harangi Dam. After visiting a few areas in Madapura, the Minister headed towards Madikeri.

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is seen interacting with children at a relief camp set up at Mythri Police Bhavan in Madikeri this morning.

She saw the extensive damage in Madapura and collected information about rescue work carried out by the Army, Navy and Air Force along with Paramilitary forces.

She interacted with commanders of various regiments who are leading rescue operations and complimented them for minimising the damage to lives by shifting victims who were stuck in remote and inaccessible areas. "You have risked your lives to save people who were caught in nature's fury and I salute you for that," she told the Armed Forces.

At the relief centres at Mythri Police Bhavan and Seva Bharati Seva Kendra in Madikeri, the Minister told the flood victims that she had come to Kodagu as a representative of the Union Government and told them that the Armed Forces will stay-put in Kodagu till the rehabilitation process is completed. "I will convey to PM Narendra Modi, Road Transport Minister Nithin Gadkari about the need of speedy restoration measures and will try and get a special package to Kodagu," she said.

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Mysuru, Friday 24th August 2018

Who is complaining?

Complaining about apathy on the part of functionaries in administration may or may not trigger *action* in response, if at all. Criticising, often in unsavoury language to express disagreement with others, targeting some person or institution in particular, invariably triggers *reaction* only to earn more criticism. In the former case, a complaint seeks redressal to some problem or the other, such as clearing of an overflowing garbage bin or replacing a street light that has ceased to work and so on, familiar to readers of this daily. Criticising without sounding harsh in both words and intent is not everybody's cup of tea. Going by reports in the media, the nation's most authoritative judicial body, namely the Supreme Court of India, unfazed by the fact of not delivering judgement in lakhs of litigations, is criticising the Union Government left, right and centre, justifiably or otherwise, inviting the response from the Attorney General, speaking on behalf of the government, asking the Apex Court not to criticise because the government has problems aplenty awaiting measures to solve them.

The administration in the land with the law-makers merrily adding laws to the already existing God-knows-how-many laws and the *babudom* overwhelmed by the load of laws seem to be sandwiched amidst the complaining public and criticising intellectuals. All the parties (law-makers, government employees and the complaining masses) are in the national game of *somehow managing*.

If someone chooses to embark upon the task of identifying one or more issues *not* figuring in the long, miles long list of complaints and criticisms by the land's people that have already appeared in print of the dailies published across the land, the outcome can be expected to be the *number* whose creation is attributed to Aryabhata (476-550 AD), a mathematician-astronomer of the classical age of Indian mathematics and astronomy. That magical number is not hard to guess by the literati. *Criticising* about all matters relevant to daily life of people at large may be a *pastime* but *complaining* about inadequacies causing discomfort to one or the other section of society cannot be taken lightly or ignored by the administration. One such complaint that pops up on and off in Mysuru is about *roadside eateries* across the city, whose number of more than 5,000 is thick in the air.

The authorities of Mysuru City Corporation, as reported in a section of the press a few days ago, has once again put its spotlight on the eateries, unfazed by the fact that lakhs of Mysureans are savouring the *delicacies* (pakodas, bajjis...) offered by the eateries operated mostly by youth. The question that looms large: Who is complaining (!?)

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

LANGUAGE WAR BREWING: ***Looks like a language war is brewing in Bengaluru. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike is said to be conducting raids across the IT city to check if shops and establishments have signages in Kannada. The civic body has sent notices to more than 3,000 commercial establishments asking them to ensure that their display boards and signages have 60 per cent coverage in Kannada, in the absence of which their trade licences would be scrapped. The civic body had conducted a similar drive last year; after the initial few raids and warnings, however, the drive had fizzled out.*** *—In Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Residents turn pothole into tomato garden

Totonto: Fed up waiting for local authorities to fix a massive pothole for several months, residents of Poplar Plain Crescent, in Toronto, decided to make the best of it by transforming the hole into a community tomato garden.

Though it is unclear who came up with the idea of plating tomato seeds into the neglected pothole, the plants sprouted and flourished and the residents started caring for them, even installing stakes to keep them from falling over. Photos of the tomato plants with dozens of juicy green tomatoes are a testament to both the locals care and sense of humour, but also of the indifference of local authorities.

Tattoo artist creates realistic portrait tattoos ever seen

Warsaw: Karol Rybakowski is already one of the biggest names in the world of tattoos and looking at some of his works, it's pretty easy to see why. His portrait tattoos look as if a picture has been slapped on the subject skin and in many cases they turn out even better than the photos that inspired them.

Karol Rybakowski studied painting at the Academy of Fine Arts, in Warsaw, before becoming a tattoo artist.

About four years ago, just when his works started showing up online, people in the business who had never seen his tattoos in person actually thought that they were photoshopped. There was a particularly heated debate with many people claiming that it looked too good to be true. It was only a matter of time until people realized the young Polish tattoo artist was just that good, but you're still likely to come across online comments from people questioning whether his work is legit.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How does smog affect my health?

New research has revealed that the tiny particles in smog can not only damage your heart and lungs, but they may also increase the risk of kidney disease and even contribute to kidney failure... Cause for concern among those living in smoggy urban areas.

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Mysore Varsity to host Natl. Conference on Digital India

Mysuru, Aug.24 (RSB)- The University of Mysore, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Manasagangothri and Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, have organised a two-day National Conference on *"Make In India and Digital India: Empowerment and Transformation for Inclusive Growth"* on Aug. 29 and 30 in the University campus here.

D. Satish Kumar, Vice-President, Rane Madras Company, will inaugurate the meet at 10.15 am. Prof. Abhinandan Sarkar, Associate Dean, MYRA School of Business, will deliver introductory address. Prof. R. Rajanna, Registrar, University of Mysore, will preside. For details, contact Mob: 98809-64840, according to a press release.

Premji Foundation announces Fellowship Programme

Mysuru, Aug.24- Azim Premji Foundation has announced its Annual Fellowship Programme 2019-20. Building on the experiences and learning of the past six fellowship batches, the programme has been redesigned into a 1-year format.

The programme is for people who have done exceptional work in their field and are now interested in improving teaching learning in government schools. The programme involves teaching at a Government School to develop a deep understanding of public education system.

Applications are invited from people having 4 to 10 years of work experience in any sector, with a full-time post-graduate or a 4-year professional degree in any discipline and the desire to contribute to quality and equity in education. Proficiency in English and a local language (Hindi, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu) is a must.

The monthly stipend offered would be Rs. 35,000. After successful completion of the programme, Fellows who wish to build their career in social sector will take on the role of a teacher-educator. In this role, they will help teachers teach better and children learn better. To apply, log on to: *http://azimpremjifoundation.org/fellowship*. For details call Toll-free Helpline: 1800 274 0101 (Monday to Friday, 9 am to 6pm).

Really...?

- ***The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is located in the North Pacific Gyre off the coast of California and is the largest ocean garbage site in the world. This floating mass of plastic is twice the size of Texas, with plastic pieces outnumbering sea life six to one.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A man when asked, "How do you feel when a woman gives you a flying kiss?"
Man: "I hate such lazy women...!!"

Today's Currency Rate

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1 UK Pound	= Rs. 89.92
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.08
1 Euro	= Rs. 81.07

VOICE OF THE READER

Kudos to Kuvempunagar Police Station staff

Sir,

We had applied for renewal of my wife's Passport (Maalathi Sekar) and got an SMS to contact Kuvempunagar Police Station regarding Police verification procedure.

Accordingly, we called on them and the moment we entered the Station, the Police personnel at the entrance and the lady at the Reception Counter were quite courteous and directed us to the room by mentioning the person's name to be contacted.

On reaching the designated room, without waste of time, we were helped to get the forms for getting two neighbours' consent and a form of self-declaration to be submitted and accordingly the same was carried out by us the next day in person.

We extend our warm appreciation as Senior Citizens, for the very quick and courteous way we were treated by the verification team at Kuvempunagar Police Station and hope it continues.

— **E. Chandrassekar**
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Birthday celebrations of Jain Munis in city from today

Mysuru, Aug. 24- The 128th birthday of Puj Marudhar Kesari Misrimalji and 94th birthday of Puj Roop Muniji will be celebrated at Sri Sthankvasi Jain Bhawan in Halladkeri by Sri Sthanakwasi Jain Sangh under the guidance of Puj Samkitmuniji and Puj Shruthmuniji for three days from today (Aug. 24 to 26).

Pravachn with jaap will be held today and Samuhik fasting will be observed on Saturday,

On Sunday, Annadana coordinated by Sri Sthankvasi Jain Yuva Sanghtan for around 1,000 people will be arranged at Roti Bank venue near Sangam Theatre in city.

A massive Gunanuwad Sabha will commence from 2 pm and conclude by 4.30 pm. Also dinner will be arranged before sunset for all attending Gunnauwad Sabha.

Sri Marudhar Kesari Guru Seva Samiti will be coordinating the 3-day programme.

Free health check-up for HR Professionals

Mysuru, Aug. 24- Edin Bridge — The PSR initiative of Ed touch & Innovative Forum of HR Associates (IFHA) in association with Narayana Health (NH), Mysuru, has organised a "Free Family Master Health Check-up" for HR Professionals of Industries and Educational Institutions of Mysoruru on Aug. 26 (Sunday) from 9.30 am at Narayana Multispeciality Hospital here. For details and registration contact: Kushal T. Maney on Mob: +91 9986625070 or Prathap on Mob: +91 9964005854.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Talk on Sharanas

As part of Shivanubhava Dasoha lecture series-250, JSS College faculty Dr. M.C. Sarojammanni will deliver a lecture on 'Sharanara Samajika Chintane' at Rajendra Bhavan in JSS Hospital premises at 6 pm tomorrow (Aug.25). Former Mayor Dakshinamurthy will preside. Call: 0821-2548211 or 2548212.

Red Cross lecture

The Youth Red Cross Wing of Maharani's Science College for Women has organised a special lecture on 'Mental well-being & Stress-management' at A.V. Hall of the College at 11.30 am tomorrow. Dr. Shivananda Manohar of the Department of Psychiatry, JSS Hospital, will be the resource person. College Principal Dr. Srinivas will preside.

Science for children

As part of 'Science for Children,' Hari Vidyalaya, Bogadi, has organised 'Vision Testing and Preservation of Sight' activity by Dr. H.R. Manikarnika at its premises on Aug. 25 at 3 pm. For details, contact Mob: 94830-83019 or 94498-09181.

Upakarma

Mysore Mulakanadu Sabha, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, has organised Upakarma on Rigveda and Yajurveda on Aug.25 and 26 at 6.30 am at Sri Sankara Narayanaswamy Temple premises, Chamundipuram in city. For details, contact Mob: 97410-19850.

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for kids by Sreedevi Kanjarpane, Writer and Librarian at Gopalaswamy Sishuvihara High School, Mysuru, tomorrow (Aug.25) from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.60 ft
Yesterday	123.60 ft
Inflow	25,536 cusecs
Outflow	12,022 cusecs
Last year on this date	91.00 ft.

Kabini Level

(Maximum: 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,282.64 ft
Inflow	17,000 cusecs
Outflow	15,000 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,857.58 ft
Inflow	10,104 cusecs
Outflow	4,037 cusecs

'Loss and grief counselling' for flood victims of Kodagu

Teams from Mysore University Psychology Department helping survivors in Kerala and Kodagu come out of trauma

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (BCT)- Every disaster that happens, such as a flood, will definitely leave impacts on the individuals in terms of the feeling of loss and grief. This inspires counsellors to find the most appropriate counselling approach in dealing with these victims of flood disasters.

It has been close to two weeks since Mother Nature wreaked havoc on Kodagu and Kerala and the after-affects are being felt now more than ever. The floods and landslides caused not only physical damage to the infrastructure, but also emotional damage to the residents.

As the Kodagu District Administration is helping out the victims to piece together the cut off strands of life by confidence-building measures like providing food and shelter at various flood relief camps in Madikeri and Somwarpet Taluks, a group of research scholars from the University of Mysore is silently doing their bit in counselling the victims, helping them to cope with the tragedy and come out of the trauma.

A counselling session underway at a relief camp in Madikeri.

Breaking the ice

The team is engaged in helping victims assess the situation and pay particular attention to any factors in the area that may compromise a person's safety. They are striking a communication with the victims (breaking the ice) and are checking with the victims to see if their basic human needs are being met — food, water, shelter, medication.

The Department of Studies in Psychology has sent two teams to Kodagu and Kerala for counselling. The teams are well-versed in the local language (Malayalam in Kerala and Kannada in Kodagu). The students who are counselling victims of Kerala are even aware of the geographical conditions there.

While Ameena and Gayathri Balram are leading the counselling of Kerala flood victims, Deepika and Bhavya are leading the team in Kodagu. Two more groups of research scholars are ready to leave to Kodagu in a day or two. Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, **Dr. G. Venkatesh Kumar, Professor and Chairman, Department of Psychology,** said that the students are counselling the flood victims and their families, helping them to come out of the traumatic situation.

"Witnessing destruction and loss of lives and hard-earned properties in front of their eyes causes depression and a panic situation is created. We want the victims to come out of this phase. We are mainly focusing on women and children and also youth," he said.

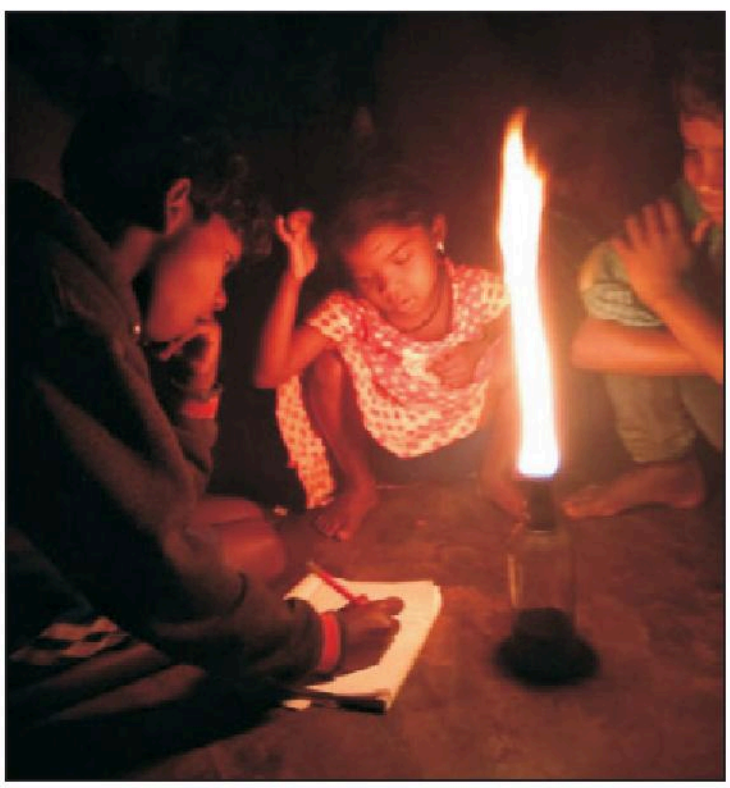
The initial stages of a flood can evoke intense feelings of shock and distress. However, these feelings can last far beyond the first days of the disaster. It is important to recognise that everyone will have a different response in these types of situations and that each person processes crises in their own way, he explained.

Hearing out victims

"One of the best ways to comfort someone in need is to be available to hear what they have to say. This is not a time to offer advice or opinions, this is an opportunity to let the individual express their feelings in a non-judgemental environment. You do not need to respond with words as people will be content with you just listening to them," Prof. Kumar explained.

In Kerala, the University of Mysore is working closely with the Psychology Department of University of Calicut to counsel victims. "We are also providing assistance to them in moving forward and taking the next step like directing people to seek professional help to rebuild their lives," he added.

When asked about the duration of the counselling, Prof. Kumar said that no deadline has been fixed as the students are research scholars who do not have mandatory attendance. "It is important to remember that people need support not only during the flood but in the days following as this is the time when mental health issues can begin to develop," he explained.



Children reading under the light of a primitive kerosene lamp (Seeme Yenne Buddi) at a relief camp as power supply is yet to be restored.

District Administration plays its role

Psychiatrists from Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences have been roped in by the Kodagu District Administration to counsel the victims. Assistant Professor and Psychiatrist Dr. Roopesh Gopal had organised a training session for district doctors, psychologists and MSW students at the District Hospital auditorium.

Dr. Roopesh Gopal has served for five years in the Indian Army and had counselled the soldiers. Now he is assigned the task to groom the counselling teams who in turn will counsel flood victims.

Speaking at the training session, Dr. Roopesh opined that the flood victims were badly traumatised losing their hard-earned property right in front of their eyes. He hence felt that the mental status along with physical health of the victims should be revived methodically to instil conference in them to get back to their lives.

Counselling is being done at 11 relief centres. Apart from counselling, Yoga is being used to calm the turbulent minds and a Yoga team of 30 members are doing their bit in Kodagu.

Mysore Citizens Forum consoles victims of Kodagu floods

Star of Mysore ***Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy seen handing over relief material to a boy at a relief camp in Kodagu on Wednesday as Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Hotelier P.V. Giri, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and others look on.***

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (DM)- As part of its initiative to help flood affected people of Kodagu district, the Mysore Citizens Forum (MCF) has extended a helping hand to them.

A team from MCF, comprising Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, other Seers, *SOM* Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy, JSS Mahavidyapeetha's Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and S.P. Manjunath, Hotelier P.V. Giri, Sankalp Group Chairman and Managing Director Jagadish Babu, K. Narendra and others, visited Kodagu district on Wednesday and heard the grievances of flood affected families, who are sheltered in relief centres.

The team visited relief camps at Kushalnagar, Suntikoppa, Madapura and Madikeri and distributed relief materials to the victims.

Suttur Seer Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji assured the victims that their children would be provided free education at Suttur School.

Later, the MCF team held a meeting with Kodagu District in-charge Minister S.R. Mahesh, DC P.I Sreevidya, ZP CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra and other officials on the gravity of the situation caused by floods and landslides. The MCF, complimenting the district administration for undertaking rescue and relief operations, assured of extending full co-operation when permanent works are taken up for re-building flood ravaged Kodagu district.

City Dermatologist for Goa Conference

Mysuru, Aug. 24- Dr. H. Hanumanthappa, Senior Consultant Dermatologist and former Director and Dean; HoD of Dermatology, K.R. Hospital, has been invited as a Faculty and Chairman for selecting the 'Best Scientific Award Papers Session' and as a Judge for scientific session at the Paediatric Dermatology conference to be held at Goa from Aug.31 to Sept. 2.

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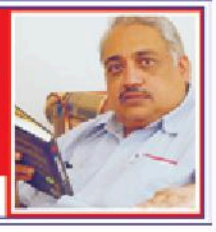

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

A Time to Ponder over Nature's Fury !

Even as the affected people in flood-ravaged Kodagu and Kerala are being rehabilitated with great difficulty, we are already beginning to hear faint rumblings of a sordid blame game that is likely to assume monstrous proportions and take the centre stage very soon. We are also seeing reports in the media about how our so-called leaders are using or rather misusing this God-inflicted calamity as a God-given opportunity to get even with each other for petty political and personal gains. If not roped in and tamed effectively, this maniacal finger-pointing instead of making it clearer, is likely to only distort the entire perspective of the disaster.

And, the only way to do this is by a very methodical and scientific analysis of all the factors that were responsible for the natural mayhem that we are seeing in our immediate neighbourhood. I use the term 'all the factors' because this disaster certainly seems to have a multi-factorial cause. **There is simply no point in fanning the fires of our imagination and blaming everything that we do not individually like as being the main cause of the calamity.**

While most ordinary people feel that it is the unusually heavy rains that set the ball rolling, some others feel that a recent low intensity earthquake that was indeed recorded in the region as being the cause of all the massive landslides that we have seen, especially in Kodagu. I simply do not agree with the unusually heavy rainfall theory because this is not the first time that Kerala, Kodagu and other Malnad areas of our State are experiencing very heavy rain. **Rainfall as heavy as what we have had during this monsoon was more of a rule than an exception until the mid sixties in this region. We have accurate records of the rainfall received in our coffee estate over the past one hundred years to prove my point.**

At no time in the recorded history of this region has rainfall alone done the kind of damage that we are now seeing. Sadly, media reports show even our scientific agencies issuing grossly contradictory statements about what have been the causative factors. A great many people who have helplessly but with great pain and concern watched the degradation of the biodiversity of Kerala and Kodagu have their own theories. They feel it is the over exploitation of the once pristine forests for agricultural use that deprived the hillsides of the huge trees that were anchoring and holding their fertile soil in place during the monsoon months all these years.

Some Kodavas blame the alien timber lobby for mercilessly depleting the tree cover of their State which is not entirely true. They should first ask themselves how these ruthless mercenaries could have done this without the land owners themselves selling the rights for tree-felling for the sheer love of money. Some others blame the literal mushrooming of resorts and home stays that we have seen and are sadly still seeing all over Kodagu and some parts of Kerala. The indigenous people of the region, especially the ones who have not benefited from this change for the worse, tend to agree with them wholeheartedly. These in particular are the people who are not into the home stay business simply because they hardly have a place to stay for themselves, let alone making room for others! **Or they are the ones like me who do have some lands perched on some very picturesque locations but are reluctant to let others step on them for fear of sullying Mother Nature's lap.**

For the likes of us, contentment can come only from simple living in quiet solitude, tilling our lands in rain or pruning our coffee plants in sunshine! Yes, all members of my extended family face a Herculean task of explaining to people why we are not yet into the home stay business when the rest of the plantation world seems to be reaping a golden harvest from this new-found gold mine. Many people, especially in Kodagu, have over the past few years converted their estates that used to yield only coffee, cardamom and pepper into resorts and home stays that are as of now directly yielding gold! But it remains to be seen where this road will eventually take them and at what cost, as their resorts and home stays are the phenomenon that has made their beautiful land both famous and infamous too !

Even as a non-Kodava I feel very pained and anguished when I regularly overhear people bragging about the 'time of their life' they have during their frequent trips to Kodagu. **I feel that a tiny land that has such a rich history of its unique traditions, customs and culture should not have been allowed to be the subject of such loose talk. Had they been showcased and promoted in a more dignified way, both by its inhabitants and our government, they alone would have been enough to draw the attention and respect of the world to the bewitching beauty of Kodagu and its fascinating culture.** The angst and anguish of a great many conservative, tradition-bound Kodavas, especially the elders, has been muffled by the battle cries of the younger generation for quick money.

Just last evening my wife and I were in conversation for more than two hours with the family of Ulliyada Arun, a close Kodava friend of mine, who lives on the outskirts of our city. His wife Nethra painfully opined that it is only because of the disrespect to nature and the once much respected traditions of their race and land that the region was going through its present plight. But being less sentimental and more pragmatic than them in my thinking, I feel that the causes for the present natural calamity need to be investigated, studied and explained in the light of science while still respecting local sentiments.

But men will perhaps be men after all ! And, as the old saying goes... Only after the last tree has been felled, the last fish caught and the last stream poisoned, will man realise that money cannot be eaten!

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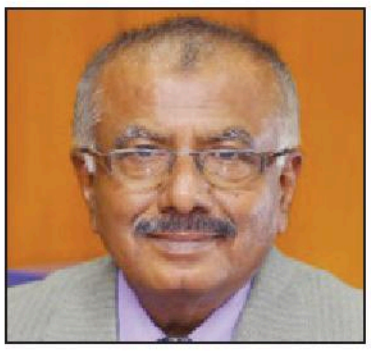
My interaction with Atal Bihari Vajpayee: Reminiscences



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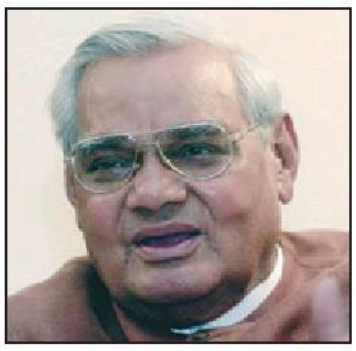

Atal Bihari Vajpayee

By Prof. J. A. K. Tareen,
Former Vice-Chancellor of Kashmir University

Prof. J.A.K. Tareen with Ataji during the Convocation.

Kashmir University, which was in shambles in 2001 as a result of direct impact of militancy in the Valley, was on the verge of shutting down for one academic year, with no convocation for six long years, and students had nowhere to go for redressal.

I was invited by Dr. Farooq Abdulla as Vice-Chancellor and the first thing, besides many measures to restore academics, was to hold the convocation. I decided to settle at no other person less than Atal Bihari Vajpayee to address the students and distribute the degrees.

N.R. Narayana Murthy of Infosys and Azim Premji of Wipro were also invited to receive the honorary doctorate from the Prime Minister. Murthy accepted but Premji declined to come. The Governor was G.C. Saxena and by the time the convocation was held on 19th February, Mufti Mohamed Sayeed took over as Chief Minister.

My long interaction with the Prime Minister was on the eve of convocation when the Governor had arranged a dinner. I cannot forget my conversation with him which was rather considered bold for a man of my little stature to talk to the Prime Minister, which even raised the eyebrows of the senior bureaucrats who were present.

He first asked me, will there be political slogan shouting tomorrow at the convocation? I was taken aback, but responded instantly, "Sir the information you have is incorrect. You will be amazed at the discipline,and they will all sing the National Anthem." He said, in Hindi *"Acha, mujhe tho kuch aur bataya gayatha"*. (I was told something else). I went on to tell him, "Sir, this is the only University in the country where the walls are not defaced with slogans and banners of political slogans."

I also informed him that over 12,000 Hindu boys and girls from northern India come to over 75 B.Ed colleges of the Valley to study one year B.Ed. They are spread across Kashmir and many were militancy infested forest areas. That was a big surprise and news to him, which I remember, he mentioned in one of his speeches in Delhi.

My revelation demolished the popular narrative built by some section of media of anti-Hindu sentiment of Kashmiri Muslims and Kashmiri Pandits. He asked me if there are Kashmiri Pandits still in the University?

I said, "Yes sir but a few." He asked me how is the University now? I said, "Sir,it needs to be rebuilt and there is too much of disparity between Kashmir and Jammu University." He wasted no time to say, "Send a proposal for what you want."

I wrote and submitted a proposal for Rs. 30 crore to add 13 new buildings to shift the departments from old barracks of British times, and also proposed 13 new departments. He wasted no time and in a months' time approved Rs.30 crore and the task was completed in less than three years.

In his convocation speech, he made two statements which are on record in my memoirs *"Fire Under Snowflakes"* published in 2005. A Kannada translation of this memoir is under print by the Prasaranga, University of Mysore. He boldly expressed that "we have faltered in the past and the youth of Kashmir need our attention for better facilities for education."

He again asked me to make a holistic proposal for the State, education system. I did submit one, but it did not materialise because of the bureaucratic sabotage. After the convocation he shook hands with me and said, "I am going with a good feeling."

My brief interaction made me feel that I was talking to an honest and sincere Prime Minister who was as simple as a receptive innocent child and as determined as an Indian soldier.

Putrefaction helps Armed Forces
to locate dead bodies buried in slush

The team of Armed Forces are seen retrieving dead bodies from flood-hit Madikeri and Somwarpet Taluks. With bare hands, they are collecting bodies that are buried in slush and in deep gorges.

Madikeri, Aug. 24 (BCT)- As floods and landslides have left a trail of destruction in Kodagu, permanently scarring the district, the next task for the Armed Forces is to retrieve the dead bodies before the spread of epidemics.

The Kodagu District Administration has put the official figures of the dead at nine and missing persons at six. The uniformed men are still scouting for bodies that might have been trapped in slush.

With bare hands (minus the mandatory gloves), Armed Forces teams are combing vast swathes of land, looking out for bodies. As earth has caved-in in over 2,000 acres of land creating deep gorges of slush and red mud, especially in Makkandur, Katakeri, Meghathalu, Yemmethaalu, Monnangeri, Mangaladevinagar and parts of Kaloor in Madapura, rescue teams are using helicopters and ropes to scale down the hilly terrain. These were thickly populated areas and are desolated now.

Once the chopper reaches the target area, soldiers scale down the flying machine using ladders and ropes. They then begin physical scanning of the area. Based on experience, the Armed Forces first survey the surroundings for foul smell as the bodies would have been highly decomposed by now.

Narrating the sequence of body-retrieving operation, Major Biddappa of Dogra Regiment said that once the smell is detected, the area is surveyed closely. "Usually, the place where a dead body is hidden under slush is full of flies as the bodies would be undergoing the natural process of putrefaction (the process of decay or rotting in a body or any organic matter with unbearable smell). We had retrieved the body of Leelavathi (60) and her son Umesh Rai (32) from a deep gorge that has been created by landslips," he said.

Providing details, he said, "We identified a place that emanated heavy stench. Out of experience when we went there, we found a hand protruding and we also found a human head that was swarmed by flies. When the place was dug, the bodies appeared." The bodies were later cremated.

As the area is slushy and slippery, the team members have to wear knee-length boots. Surprisingly, they were not wearing gloves and were seen digging out the bodies with bare hands.

One more body retrieved

One more dead body was recovered from the ruins of landslide in Hebbatageri yesterday by National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF). The dead body of Minnanda Ummavva, who was washed away in the landslide in front of her son Mittu Ganapathy, was recovered with the help of locals by NDRF team.

Ummavva

On the morning of Aug. 17, a huge landslide, accompanied by flood waters, hit the house of Minnanda Mittu Ganapathy which was washed away.

He had built the house only six months ago. While the other members of the family managed to escape, there was no trace of 80-year-old Ummavva who was in the washroom.

Her body was buried under slush and was recovered from an area that was 50 metres from the house.

Meanwhile, a search operation for the body of Sabu Uthappa under the ruins of a landslide in Madapura is ongoing. The search is on even at Jodupala and Mukkodlu areas.

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Defence Minister visits Kodagu

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is being received by an Army officer at Harangi Helipad this morning as Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, MLA Appachu Ranjan and Kodagu DC P.I. Sreevidya look on. Picture right shows the Minister assessing the extent of damage caused by floods and landslides at Madapura.

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Nirmala Sitharaman, born in Tamil Nadu, who is well-versed in Kannada (she is a Rajya Sabha member from Karnataka), spoke to the flood victims and their children in chaste Kannada. She told them that the Union government was committed to rebuild their lives.

The Minister was received at the Harangi Helipad by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, Somwarpet MLA M.P. Appachu Ranjan, Deputy Commissioner P.I. Sreevidya, Superintendent of Police Suman D. Pennekar and a few Defence officers.

EXCHANGE OF WORDS

When the Defence Minister visited the DC Office to chair a meeting of Armed Forces and government officials, Air Marshal (Retd) K.C. Cariappa and a few other retired officers came to meet the Minister. Air Marshal Cariappa urged the Minister to implement in total the Dr. K. Kasturirangan-led Committee Report that had suggested declaring 1,576 villages (in Karnataka) along the Western Ghats as Ecologically-Sensitive Areas.

Non-implementation of the report has led to the natural disaster in Kodagu, they opined. This plea to implement the report was, however, objected to by Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah who said that if the report was implemented; living in Kodagu would be near to impossible. A minor exchange of words ensued between the retired defence personnel, the MLA and his supporters.

The Minister intervened and said that the retired officers have every right to air their views and as a Defence Minister she was duty-bound to listen to them. Nirmala Sitharaman later chaired a meeting with Kodagu District Minister S.R. Mahesh, District Officials and representatives from the Defence Forces. She is scheduled to arrive in Mysuru today evening and fly to Bengaluru in the IAF aircraft.

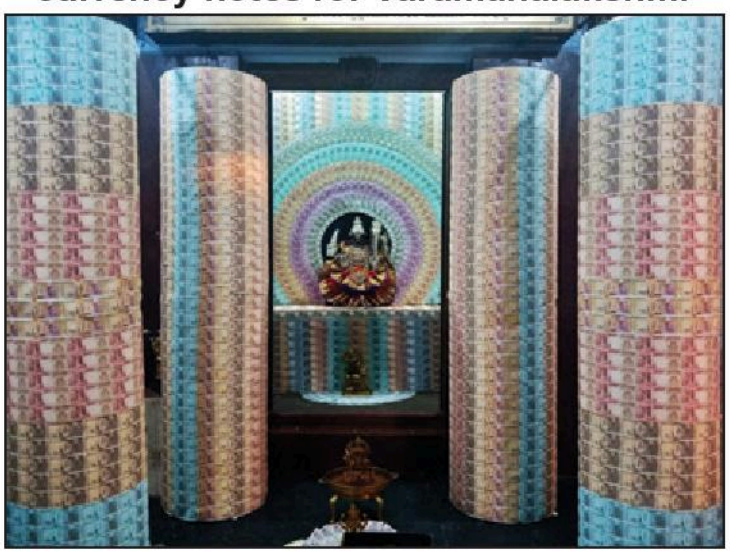
KPCC President lashes out at BJP

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (RKB&DM)- Lashing out at PM Narendra Modi for making promises to people before the 2014 Lok Sabha Polls, KPCC President Dinesh Gundu Rao has called upon the electorate to reject the BJP and vote for Congress in the Urban Local Body Polls.

Addressing a press meet at a private hotel here this noon, Dinesh Gundu Rao, alleged that PM Modi had failed in key issues which are haunting the common man. The KPCC Chief merely said that the Congress is fighting the ULB polls alone in order to gain power on its own.

The KPCC Chief released the Congress manifesto for MCC Polls. MP R. Dhruvanarayan, former MP C.H. Vijayashankar, MLC R. Dharmasena, MLAs Anil Chikkamadu and Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, former MLAs Vasu, M.K. Somasekhar, M. Sathyanarayan, city Congress President R. Murthy, District President Dr. B.J. Vijaya Kumar and others were present.

Goddess Chamundeshwari Temple at Srirangapatna decorated with currency notes for Varamahalakshmi



As part of Varamahalakshmi festival today, Sri Chamundeshwari Temple on Chamundeshwari Street at Srirangapatna has been decorated with Rs. 2,000, Rs. 500, Rs. 100, Rs. 50, Rs. 20, Rs. 10 and Rs. 5 currency notes totalling Rs. 5 lakh which were given by devotees for decoration purpose. The decoration was done by Temple Priest Lakshmeesh. Special puja to the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari was performed and later, prasadam was distributed to the devotees.

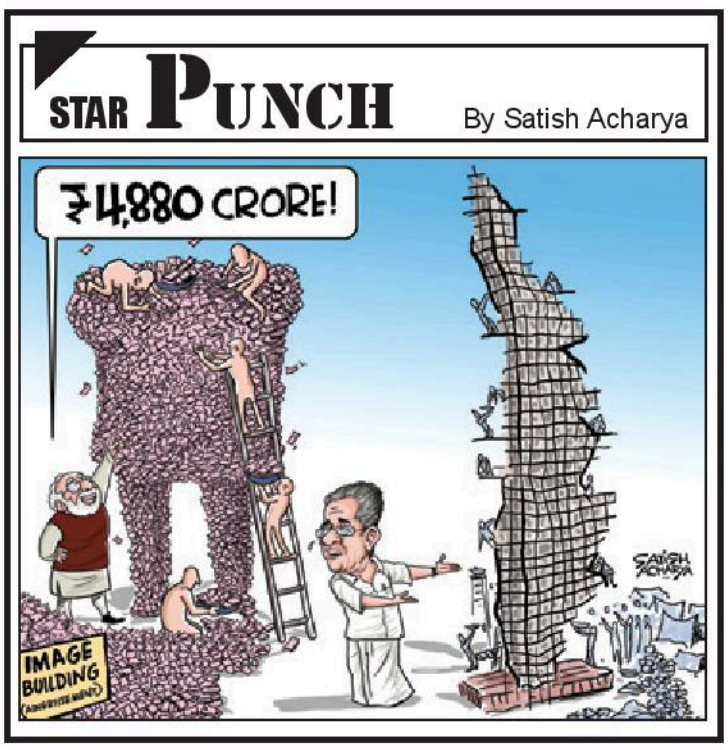
DGP inspects Harangi Dam

Kushalnagar, Aug.24(AG&DM)- Following rumours that nine people of Hattihole Village in Madikeri taluk have been washed away by floods, State DG and IGP Neelamani N. Raju visited Harangi Dam near Kushalnagar this morning and reviewed the search operation for tracing the bodies.

Later, speaking to pressperson at Harangi Dam, Neelamani N. Raju said that following reports that nine persons from Hattihole who have gone missing since Aug.16 are feared to have been washed away by floods, she visited the Dam. Sympathising with the victims of rain havoc in Kodagu district, she said that the Police Department will donate Rs. 5.8 Crore to the Chief Minister's flood relief fund. The money will be raised after deducting one-day wage of all employees of the Police Department, she noted.

Pointing out that five Police teams have been formed to search the nine missing persons from Hattihole, the DGP said that the search operations are being conducted manually as Drone camera used as guides, have become dysfunctional due to heavy fog and inclement weather.

IGP (Southern Range) K.V. Sharath Chandra, DySP Muralidhar and other Police personnel were present.



At last, KSOU re-opens its doors to lakhs of students

Admission notification to be issued in two to three days

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. D. Shivalingaiah seen interacting with Governor-Chancellor Vajubhai R. Vala in Bengaluru.

Mysuru, Aug.24 (RK&NNN)- There is good cheer all round the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) campus on Hunsur Road as the premier Open Distance Learning (ODL) centre in the country is at last opening its doors again to the lakhs of students to pursue their degree and post-graduate degrees.

The University has at last got recognition to run 17 non-technical courses for a period of five years from 2018-19 to 2022-23 from the University Grants Commission (UGC) that had withdrawn the recognition due to some technical reasons in June 2015. It will begin the admission process by issuing admission notification within two to three days on its website *www.ksoumysore.karnataka.gov.in* and even announcing it in the newspapers.

Addressing a media conference at the Administrative Block of the University here this morning, KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. D. Shivalingaiah said that 17 ODL programmes had been granted recognition by the UGC. However, with regard to the remaining 15 courses, he added that he had met Governor Vajubhai R. Vala in this regard who also had assured to write to the UGC about the recognition. "Once a student is admitted after he or she meets all the eligibility criteria, then the recognition is valid till one completes the course. Also all the guidelines set by the UGC including the statutes, rules and regulations and State government circulars will be strictly followed without violating any of them," he said.

Eligibility for admission

A student should have passed PUC or equivalent examination for admission to under graduate course and should have passed minimum three years or more than three years of under graduate degree or equivalent examination for admission to post graduate courses, he said.

However, there is no restriction regarding the number of students to be admitted to the various 17 non-technical programmes offered by KSOU and admission will be provided to all eligible students, said Prof. Shivalingaiah.

He said that the prospectus, form of application for admission, form of challan for payment of fee is uploaded in the University's official website *www.ksoumysore.karnataka.gov.in* to various courses, he said.

He also said that the student may submit the duly filled-in application after remitting the fees in any one of the branches of State Bank of India in this country along with necessary documents and fee paid challan to the Regional Centre of his, her choice and obtain acknowledgement.

List of 17 courses recognised

The following are the 17 non-technical online distance learning (ODL) programmes recognised by UGC for a period of five years from 2018-19 to 2022-23: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Library and Information Science, Master of Arts (Ancient History and Archaeology), Master of Arts (Economics), Master of Arts (English), Master of Arts (Hindi), Master of Arts (History), Master of Arts (Journalism and Mass Communication), Master of Arts (Kannada), Master of Arts (Political Science), Master of Arts (Public Administration), Master of Arts (Sociology), Master of Arts (Urdu), Master of Commerce, Master of Library and Information Science and Master of Science (Environmental Science).

List of courses yet to be recognised

The following are the 15 ODL programmes that the UGC has not granted recognition: Bachelor of Education (B.Ed), Master of Business Administration (MBA), LLM (Master of Law), Master of Arts (Sanskrit), M.Sc (Biochemistry), M.Sc (Chemistry), M.Sc (Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics), M.Sc (Computer Science), M.Sc (Geography), M.Sc (Information Science), M.Sc (Mathematics), M.Sc (Microbiology), M.Sc (Physics) and M.Sc (Psychology).

On the pending 15 programmes, the VC said that the University is going all out to get the recognition for the remaining courses pending with UGC.

Regarding the marks cards and other certificates, he said that signature of Registrar (Evaluation) will be attested on the marks cards and that of the Vice-Chancellor on degree certificates. All precautions is being taken by appointing a Nodal Officer to coordinate with the National Academic Depository (NAD), which is an online store house.

Its function is to upload the transfer certificate, marks cards, transfer certificates, passing certificates (PPC), migration certificates, convocation certificate and other certificates in the digital mode, he said.

Public grievance cell

A public grievance cell has also been set up for the students to submit their grievances, he said and added KSOU had suffered a loss of more than Rs.100 crore in three years.

Dean of Study Centre Prof. D.T. Basavaraju, Dean Academy Prof. Jagadish and Registrar (Evaluation) Rangaswamy were present.

Rs. 18 lakh worth valuables looted from cloth merchant's house

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (RK&BCT)- Burglars broke into the locked house of a cloth merchant in city yesterday and looted gold, silver and cash worth more than Rs.18 lakh. The theft came to light when one of the family members returned home in the night.

Burglars entered the house after breaking open the automatic lock of the main door. They later managed to open the locker inside a bed room where over 390 grams of gold, 500 grams of silver and Rs. 7,000 in cash were kept. The total value of the loot is estimated to be over Rs. 18 lakh.

The theft took place at the house of cloth merchant Ashok Kumar at Halladakeri, behind the bus stop. Ashok Kumar had been to Ahmedabad three days back on a business trip to buy clothes while his wife had been to Bengaluru yesterday morning for *Rakshabandhan* festival. Ashok Kumar's son stayed in Mysuru to manage his shop.

Yesterday morning after the businessman's wife left to Bengaluru, his son locked the house at 10.45 am and left for the shop. As usual, he returned at around 10.45 pm and was surprised to see the main door ajar.

He then called up his father and mother who told him that they were at their respective destinations. When he entered the bedroom of the house, he was shocked to see the wardrobes and the shelves open. Clothes were shattered and the locker was forcibly opened. He immediately alerted the jurisdictional Lashkar Police Station.

A Police team arrived at the house with the dog squad and fingerprint experts. Police suspect that it could have been a daylight robbery as the house was locked.

Lashkar Inspector H.R. Vivekananda, City Crime Branch (CCB) ACP B.R. Lingappa, Fingerprint Unit ACP Rajashekhar and Sub-Inspector Appaji Gowda were present. A joint team comprising CCB and Lashkar Police will investigate the case.

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Yakshagana 'Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Mahathme' tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug.24- Karavali Samskruthika Chavadi, Hootagalli, Mysuru, has organised Yakshagana 'Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Mahathme' by Sri Mahalingeshwara Pravasi Yakshagana Mandali, Puttur, at Sri Sarva Siddhi Pradhayaka Ganapathi Temple premises, near Saraswathi Convention Hall, KHB Colony, Hootagalli, at 6 pm on Aug.25.

On the occasion, Higher Education and District in-Charge Minister G.T. Devegowda and FKCCI President Sudhakara S. Shetty will be felicitated.

Yakshagana is a popular folk theatre form of Karnataka with a long history of nearly four hundred years. A performance usually depicts a story from the Ramayana, the Mahabharata and the Puranas. Yakshagana is a traditional theatre form that combines dance, music, dialogue, costume, make-up, and stage techniques with a unique style and form.

This theatre style is mainly found in Tulunadu and some parts of Malenadu region of Karnataka and Kerala. Yakshagana is traditionally presented from dusk to dawn. The 'Devi Mahathme' is a 700-verse poem and a part of the 'Markandeya Puraana.' Devi Mahatme has been a popular story on which many Yakshagana troupes stage their shows.

The Story: 'Devi Mahathme' is entitled the extermination of the Mahisha's army and deals with the slaying of the demon Mahisha. Mahishaasura was a buffalo-headed demon. He was granted a boon whereby he would be protected from anyone. Intoxicated by the above gift, he set out to conquer the world.

Mahishaasura defeated Indra, the king of the Gods. Indra implored Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh to help him. The Divine Trio amalgamated their Shakti (power) and created Durga. Ma Durga fought Mahishaasura for nine days and beheaded him on the 10th day. The nine days are those of Navratri and the 10th victorious day is called Vijaydashami. A point to note is that as Mahishaasura was attacked, the latter would change its forms to elephant, bull, buffalo, until ultimately it is killed.

The buffalo also represents the base animal instinct in a human being. Goddess Durga is powerful enough to control Evil that comes in disguise.

For details, contact Mob: 98454-70307 or 97405-08799.

Moonlight Music on Aug. 26

Mysuru, Aug. 24- **Vidushi Pushpa Kashinath** will present a veena concert at the monthly moonlight music programme-203 to take place at Suttur Mutt in city at 6 pm on Aug. 26.

One of the top veena artistes of the State, Vidu. Pushpa Kashinath was born in a family of musicians. She learnt her early music lessons from her mother Vidu. Saraswathi. She later trained under renowned musicians such as T. Sharada, Anur S. Ramakrishna and M.S. Sheela.

A post-graduate in Kannada, she is an A grade artiste at Bengaluru Akashavani and Doordarshan. Among the many awards and prizes she has won include Swarashri award of Bengaluru Basava Samithi and Ananya Yuva Puraskar of a Bengaluru-based music foundation.

Pushpa Kashinath will be accompanied by Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata.

When the Music ended...

Rangavalli, Mysuru, will be staging the play *Parshwa Sangeetha* at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira in city on Aug.25 and 26 (7 pm)

[For tickets, call: 99646-56482 or 94488-71815].

We all have been mentally programmed to lead a fast and busy life with aims, ambitions and aspirations, that we sometimes forget to do the things that actually make us happy. *Parshwa Sangeetha* (an adaptation of the essays written by Srinivasa Vaidya) taught us to be truly happy with your life by slowing it down just a tad bit.

Rangavalli team took the audience to a time when months and years truly took time to pass and did not pass by in a flash. And what a truly glorious time it was. All shows in Mysuru and Bengaluru were sold out well before time and many coming back to watch the show, one among them being myself.

The black and white age was shown in all its glory but this time saturated with colour. The setting of the play was a conservative household consisting of a grumpy old man as the matriarch and his family.

Shyama alias B.N. Shyama Rao, took centre stage as the spoilt, not so academically bright youngest son in the household, a man obsessed with cinema and music of his time. He is truly a laidback lad in an even more laidback age. Though he never fit into the family and stuck out like a sore thumb, he truly fit into an age where flunking in an exam did not matter and you could just write it once more. Shyama smokes and whistles in style, wears his hair like Shammi Kapoor and has aspirations to be Saigal, all in all, he's everything that a middleclass boy isn't supposed to be. All this is recounted by Shyama's nephew, Seenu alias Srinivasa (in this case, author of the essays himself). Seenu, the old man becomes the sutradhara of the play, sometimes watching in amazement as a much younger version of him at age seven graces the stage lives out of his childhood. The genius that is the director in **Prashanth Hiremath** was on display as Seenu, the sutradhara drifted in and out of the play as a mirage. He was out of a scene just as when you get a drift of him and is replaced by his younger self. Just like there is an ebb and flow to life, Seenu recounts the life of his uncle as to his days of glory, his antics and the impact of his cinema and music on the house.

Shyama's life takes a turn for the better when he is matched with a bride called Janaki, a woman truly ahead of her time. She is well read at a time when women empowerment was taking baby steps. Janaki changes Shyama and their courtship is glorified in true Bollywood style song and dance right on the same stage.

The whole thing is effortlessly carried out by graceful choreography done by **Karthik Upamanyu** and costume design by **K.R. Nandini.** Life takes a complete circle as we see his whole life documented right in front of us. Life is always bitter sweet and that is what we exactly see before our eyes. Audience watch in horror as Shyama's lady love Janaki slips into the other world out of nowhere. There is not a dry eye in the audience as the angels of death wake her up from her eternal sleep just for a moment to say goodbye to Shyama and for one last. Shyama spends the rest of his life as a recluse mourning the death of his wife who he knew so little of. Coming to the play, scripting this entire play must not have been an easy task especially given the fact that it is not one essay or story but rather a collection of the same. Small nuances have been taken into consideration which have been assisted by excellent setwork and properties by **Dwarkanath.**

The lighting is just right and does not take the focus away from the actors and their skill. Moving on to acting, though Shyama, Seenu and Janaki occupy most time on stage, it is difficult to point out who the star of the play is. Seenu, the elder with his wisdom wows us all, Seenu, the younger with his cute face and bright yet naughty eyes, reminds us all of our childhood and lastly, the graceful Janaki with all her beauty and charm makes us fall in love and yet makes us weep when she drifts into endless sleep. Though the remainder of the cast come on and off the stage, they do make a lasting impact on our minds, be it Seenu's stubborn daughter, the fruit seller or even Sharada's clumsy husband.

What makes the play a winner is not only acting on stage but also how different departments of the team work and interact. Special mention to the promotion and advertising department as due to their effort, all six shows in Mysuru and two shows in Bengaluru were completely sold out since June 23. The play does act as a bridge between an art lover and a person who wants to relax on a weekend over sensible entertainment. However, where the play has been lead astray is the overemphasis on making the audience smile.

Secondly, the main selling point of the play is nostalgia but it relies on the same a bit too much which might disappoint theatre purists a bit. The plot is long and drawn out which might not be able to sustain the attention of the casual theatre goer.

Regardless, *Parshwa Sangeetha* and similar plays are the only way theatre can draw in new crowds to theatre. Youngsters need to be drawn into theatre and plays such as this are the solution. The author of the essays himself had very positive things to say about the play and that's reward enough for a successful production. Team Rangavalli has found the perfect recipe for a blockbuster. Here's wishing them luck for more successful shows.

—K. Apoorvananda

Mysuru all set to host KPL from tomorrow

KSCA groundsmen seen rolling the cricket pitch roller on the eve of KPL matches starting from tomorrow (Aug. 25) at the SDNR Wadiyar Grounds in Manasagangothri this morning. Picture right shows one of the KPL teams at a practice session in city.

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (MTY&NNN)- The city is all set to host the Seventh Edition of the Karnataka Premier League (KPL) matches beginning tomorrow after the action has moved from Hubballi to Mysuru.

The day-night matches will be played at the picturesque Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar (SDNR) Stadium and the first match scheduled is between Belagavi Panthers Vs Bellary Tuskers at 2 pm and Shivamogga Lions Vs Bengaluru Blasters at 6.30 pm.

The groundsmen are preparing the pitch using the pitch roller between the wickets and the grass on the outfield is being trimmed. As there are day-night matches, the floodlights are being checked. The whole ground is barricaded to prevent the spectators from entering it.

Two LED screens have been installed to watch the telecast and replays. A few students in the Manasagangothri campus came to the ground to watch the Shivamogga Lions team practising.

Meanwhile, arrangements for parking of vehicles, sound system and other preparations are going on and everything will be in place by the time the first ball is bowled tomorrow at 2 pm.

The matches scheduled at Hubballi for Aug.23 (Hubli Tigers Vs Belagavi Panthers) and Aug.24 (Bijapur Bulls Vs Mysuru Warriors) will also be played in Mysuru. The schedule for these matches will be announced shortly. The final is scheduled for September 6.

Tomorrow's Matches Aug. 25 (Saturday)

- Belagavi Panthers Vs Bellary Tuskers 2:00 PM
- Shivamogga Lions Vs Bengaluru Blasters 6:30 PM

Venue: SDNR Wadiyar Grounds, Manasagangothri, Mysuru

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Asian Games 2018: Day 6

Rowers add 1 Gold, 2 Bronze to India's Tally

Bopanna, Sharan clinch Gold in Tennis

Sawarn Singh, Dattu Bhokanal, Om Prakash and Sukhmeet Singh who won gold in Quadruple Sculls. Picture right shows Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan who too bagged gold in Tennis Doubles.

Jakarta/Palembang, Aug.24- India started their Asian Games 2018 Day 6 campaign with a bang by winning a Gold and two Bronze medals in rowing. The day started with Dushyant winning Bronze in men's Lightweight Single Sculls. Dushyant, who was declared the best rower in the 2013 National Championships, finished third on the podium with a timing of 7.18.76.

The Indian, who began rowing in 2012 at an army training camp in Roorkee, had won a bronze in the last edition of the Games, too, in Incheon. This was followed by another Bronze with Rohit Kumar and Bhagwan Singh finishing third in men's Lightweight Double Sculls. Following that, the Indian team of Sawarn Singh, Dattu Bhokanal, Om Prakash, Sukhmeet Singh won Gold in men's Quadruple Sculls to add to India's Gold tally.

Tennis Doubles: Top seeds Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan notched up their maiden men's doubles Gold medal at the Asian Games by beating Aleksander Bublik and Denis Yevseyev of Kazakhstan 6-3, 6-4 in 52 minutes. Less than 20 minutes into the match, the Indians were 4-1 ahead, breaking Bublik and Yevseyev at the very first opportunity they got. In no time, the top seeds were serving for the set with a 5-3 lead and Bopanna's booming serve wrapped it up in style for them.

Shooting: Heena Sindhu took home Bronze in women's 10m Air Pistol final.

New web page launched to help Kodagu victims

Threat of contagious diseases looms large at flood-hit areas

Madikeri, Aug. 24 (PS&KS)- With people of Kodagu yet to recover from the shock of floods and landslides which has snuffed out many lives besides rendering thousands of people homeless, the Bhoomi Monitoring Cell, Bengaluru, has launched Kodagu Disaster Rescue page in its website www.parihara.karnataka.gov.in to help the victims of Kodagu disaster and now there is a threat of contagious diseases spreading in the flood-hit places in Kodagu.

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The web page allows citizens to seek relief for themselves, anyone else and their area, all posted requests can be seen in public domain under "Registered Help Request" so that anyone can respond to the request and also one can report missing persons and also report finding the missing persons in this web page.

Threat of contagious diseases: Though the rain has reduced in Kodagu, there is a threat of contagious diseases spreading due to severe pollution of the river which is now mixed with mud, trees, plants and dead animals like snakes and fish among others. There has been increase in mosquitoes which are the carriers of various diseases.

There is shortage of clean water to clean houses which are filled with slush and the residents are dumping household items which are destroyed on roadsides.

The residents of Sri Saibaba Layout, Kuvempu Layout, Russel Layout, Seegaramma Layout, Indira Layout, Dandinapet, Vivekananda Layout, Yogananda Layout and Adi Shankaracharya Layout have begun cleaning their houses.

As the water used for cleaning the houses are getting stagnant in drains, there is a fear of increase in mosquitoes which may spread diseases.

The District Administration and various organisations are sprinkling bleaching powder and spraying phenyl, but the works has to be hastened to control the spread of diseases. As the town has been partially submerged, it is delaying the relief works.

To take care of the health of people in relief camps, medical units have been established in relief camps and a team of doctors and para medical staff are conducting health check ups at these relief camps but it takes time to create a healthy environment in these flood-hit places.

Elderly couple rescued from flood-affected house

Madikeri, Aug. 24 (PS&KS)- Personnel of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Fire and Emergency Services and the local people who are continuing rescue works, have rescued an elderly couple from the flood-hit and landslide place in Kodagu yesterday. The elderly couple identified as Palani and Shantha were trapped in labourers' quarters at Kaandanakolli near Hemmatalu which was buried due to landslide since four days.

As there is no mobile phone network or any other means of communication, the elderly couple was unable to contact anyone and also the couple who were sick and hungry had lost all hopes of them surviving.

The villagers had initially thought that the couple may have taken shelter at one of the relief camps and as they could not find the couple in any relief camps, they along with NDRF personnel began to search them at the labourers' quarters and finally traced them yesterday. They were rescued and have been admitted at Madikeri General Hospital.

103-year-old woman saved

Kaveramma

The rescue team have also rescued a 103-year-old woman, who was found living alone at a house in Mukkodlu and have admitted her to a hospital. The centenarian woman has been identified as Kaveramma. The family members fearing landslides, had left Kaveramma in the house as she was sick and had taken shelter at a relief camp. Even the house was dilapidated and was on the verge of collapse.

After the floods receded, Kaveramma's daughter-in-law used to visit the house and provide food for Kaveramma, it is learnt. A group of youth, who were observing this, informed the NDRF and with their help rescued Kaveramma and admitted her to a hospital.

Siddharamaiah visits Kodagu

Kushalnagar, Aug. 24 (AG& DM)- Former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah yesterday arrived at Kushalnagar on a two-day visit to flood ravaged Kodagu district.

Siddharamaiah inspected Dandinapet locality in Kushalnagar town where over a dozen houses had collapsed recently due to heavy rains. The former CM assured the residents of building houses for them in other places in the town. Siddharamaiah later went to Guddehosur-Basavanahalli and inspected the damages caused by floods and landslides in surrounding areas.

He thereafter proceeded to Suntikoppa, where he visited a relief camp and spoke to the victims, who poured out their plight.

Siddharamaiah later left for Madikeri and inspected several badly affected areas in the vicinity. He also visited some relief camps and heard the grievances of flood affected people.

Later, speaking to press persons, Siddharamaiah said that he had visited Kodagu to personally take stock of the situation and access the damage caused by floods and landslips.

Urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit Kodagu, the former CM wanted the Prime Minister to announce a relief package to Kodagu, just as he (PM) had announced Rs. 600 crore relief for Kerala, following an aerial survey that he conducted in that State.

Stating that he would suggest the State Government to form an Expert Committee to assess the extent of damages and losses, Siddharamaiah maintained that he has advised RDPR Minister Krishna Byregowda to create jobs under MNREGS for flood affected families.

Asking the district administration to take measures for ensuring that children are not deprived of education, Siddharamaiah said the record rainfall in Kodagu had ravaged the district with many villages disappearing from the map.

Maintaining that he was in touch with the Chief Minister and all other Ministers concerned on the rain havoc in Kodagu district, he observed that the relief operations must be speeded up.

Pointing out that the KPCC had constituted a relief committee headed by Rajya Sabha MP K.C.Ramamurthy, the former CM said that his committee will tour the district over the next three days to assess the damage, following which the KPCC will take a suitable decision on providing relief to victims.

He further said that 50 doctors from the KPCC Medical Wing are already working in Kodagu, and added that the team of doctors has been distributing medicines to ensure that epidemic diseases do not break out.

KPCC President Dinesh Gundu Rao said that the Congress will collect relief funds through the KPCC Committee. Claiming that the relief materials collected by the KPCC is being distributed among flood affected people sheltered in relief camps, Dinesh assured that the KPCC would do its best for helping the victims.

He also expressed satisfaction about distribution of relief materials. KPCC Working President Eshwar Khandre, former MP C.H. Vijayashankar, MLC Veena Achaiah, former MLC M.C. Nanaiah, District Congress President Shivamadappa, leaders Mittu Changappa, T.P. Ramesh and others were present.

Five arrested for kidnapping realtor in the guise of Police

Victim Lokesh

H.D. Kote, Aug. 24 (Manju& KS)- H.D. Kote Police, have arrested five persons on charges of kidnapping Lokesh, a realtor, in the guise of Police and have been remanded to judicial custody.

The arrested have been identified as Vishwa of Mysuru, Chandramouli of Chitradurga, Lakshmana of Hassan and Sandeep and Kishore of Bengaluru. The Police have launched a hunt to nab six others, who are absconding.

The incident: A resident of Hommaragalli in the taluk, Lokesh, was kidnapped from his house by the miscreants who had come in the guise of Police and had demanded Rs. 50 lakh ransom for his release.

The Police, who received information about the kidnap, began to trace the realtor by tracing his mobile phone location. As the news about Police searching the kidnappers reached the miscreants, they left him near Melukote Forest area and had fled from the place.

The kidnappers had extorted Rs. 6 lakh from Lokesh's family and had got Rs. 4.5 lakh transferred to a bank account. A Special Police team comprising DySP Bhaskar Rai, Circle Inspector Harish, SI Ashok and staff, who were investigating the case have now arrested five kidnappers.

Driver killed as car hits road divider

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (SPN&KS)- A car driver died in a hospital, while another is undergoing treatment when the car in which they were travelling rammed into an electric pole and then to a road divider after the driver in his attempt to avoid running over a dog lost control of the car on the Ring Road near Hinkal on Wednesday.

While the deceased has been identified as Prakash (33), a resident of Hebbal, the injured is Rajendra.

Prakash and Rajendra were proceeding on the Ring Road from Bogadi side in the car (KA-05-MH-3244) and when they were nearing Hinkal, a dog came in front of the car all of a sudden and Prakash, who was behind the wheels tried to avoid running over the dog but lost control of the vehicle leading to the accident.

Though Prakash was rushed to the hospital, he breathed his last after failing to respond to the treatment.

V.V. Puram Traffic Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

University of Mysore granted Grade-2 Autonomy Status

Misses Grade-1 status by just 0.3 score; UoM can now start new courses

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (NNN)-The University of Mysore (UoM) has been listed to get full autonomy by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in the category where institutions were selected based on the scores awarded by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average) points between 3.26 and 3.50. This is the only State University in Karnataka to be awarded the autonomy status.

According to the official sources from UGC, after getting this status, there is no need for the institutions to approach UGC for approval to start new courses.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* here this morning, University of Mysore In-charge Vice-Chancellor Prof. T.K. Umesh said though it was heartening that the University had got autonomy status, the disappointment still remained, as it lost the Grade-1 status by just 0.3 points by scoring 3.47.

Asked what the difference was, he said that if the scoring was 3.50 and above, then the University would have enjoyed complete autonomy status where there would have been no Geographical jurisdiction. Here without taking permission from UGC or any other institution any course could have been offered.

"We would also have had the freedom to hire foreign faculty, enrol foreign students, give incentive based emoluments to the faculty, enter into academic collaborations and run Open Distance Learning programmes," he said.

However, in Grade-2 Category, there is a Geographical jurisdiction and in our case we have to restrict to the four districts of Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, and Chamarajanagar.

Another reason is, unlike in Grade-1 Category, the University of Mysore cannot offer Open Distance Learning (ODL) programmes. "We had done a very good presentation about two months ago in UGC office in Delhi regarding seeking approval for ODL as it always helps us generate more resources. We had even proposed setting up of Distance Education Cell (DEC) which could coordinate for all the programmes being offered. But to our dismay, the UGC refused to grant permission," said Prof. Umesh.

When asked for the reason for the refusal, he said that one strong reason could be the proximity of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), which is offering ODL programmes.

However, he pointed out that Mangalore University had been granted permission to start ODL, while Bangalore University which was offering good programmes at it Jnanabharathi Campus and doing well had also been rejected.

The high points of even the Grade-2 Category status was that there was academic autonomy to start new programmes like for instance the Organic Chemistry Department which has been started. Besides, the NAAC grading is now for a period of seven years and as the University already enjoys 'A' Grade status it need not go back to NAAC frequently for grading, he said and added that however, in such a grade the State Government could still interfere as its decision is final.

Delay for new VC appointment continues

It is more than 18 months since the University of Mysore saw a regular Vice-Chancellor. In these 18 months there have already been four In-charge VCs and the current VC Prof. T. K Umesh's tenure is ending next month. But the delay in appointing a new VC has continued.

Sources in the University said that they are not sure when it will happen. The question that remains to be answered is whether a new Search Committee to select the new VC will be formed afresh or the old one will continue.

"Though the Government nominee Sahana Shivappa is there as the Syndicate Member, the other members appointed by the previous Congress Government have been removed. But still, there is sufficient quorum to select a new Syndicate nominee for the Search Committee. However, the government is mum and the period of uncertainty has continued. Added to this, is the model code of conduct that has come into force because of the Urban Local Bodies elections. Only when the elections are over can the process of selecting a new VC begin," said the source.

Bhavageethe contest

Mysuru, Aug. 24- City's Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust in association with Rotary West, will be conducting a State-level Kannada Bhavageethe contest at Rotary West Hall near Kamakshi Hospital, Saraswathipuram on Sept. 9 (Sunday).

The contest is open to those over 8 years of age. However, professional and Akashavani or Doordarshan artistes are barred from contesting.

Those interested may register along with an entry fee of Rs.100, between 5 pm and 8 pm on all days till Sept. 6. The contestants will be grouped based on their age. For more details, contact Mob: 98453-29553 or 97405-95636.

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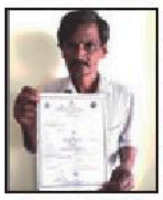

Ramegowda

Mandya, Aug. 24 (US)- Out of sheer negligence, one Ramegowda of Chikkaharohalli village in Srirangapatna taluk has been reportedly issued a Death Certificate by Deputy Tahsildar of Arakere hobli Sub-office instead of issuing it in the name of Ramegowda's deceased father Thimmegowda.

When Ramegowda and others brought it to the notice of the Deputy Tahsildar, he was said to have given an evasive reply. When the officer was questioned by Ramegowda and others, they were said to have been warned by the Deputy Tahsildar of filing a complaint of caste abuse against the villagers.

The villagers have complained to DC Manjushri against the Deputy Tahsildar.

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Govt. stops land conversion in Kodagu

Army Engineering Task Force to help in restoring severely battered roads

Bengaluru, Aug. 24 (UNI)-Two weeks after devastating floods and landslides battered Kodagu district, the State Government has directed the local administration to stop all land conversion approvals with immediate effect. The decision has been conveyed to the District Administration to prevent any further unbridled growth in the hilly region.

The government's directive comes in the wake of advice by earth scientists from Hyderabad. The scientists have conveyed to the government that landslides were triggered by high rainfall, deforestation and slope cutting.

The government plans to come out with a policy to prevent construction of buildings by flattening hilly surfaces and on paddy fields. Rules of home stays and resorts will also be tightened to prevent unchecked growth.

A high-level committee has been formed under Chief Secretary T.M. Vijaya Bhaskar. The committee will look into fully redeveloping the devastated district. A source in the government said that the government intends to develop affected areas as model villages and as model towns. Once the committee submits its report, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy will take a call on rehabilitation measures.

Army to help in rebuilding

The Indian Army's Engineering Task Force will help the Kodagu District Administration in restoring the roads. "About 75 personnel from the Task Force will assist the district officials in restoring the critical roads of Kodagu," State Relief Commissioner Gangaram Baderia said in a statement in Bengaluru.

The heavy rains leading to flash floods and landslips in the coffee-growing district have claimed 16 lives in 10 days from Aug. 14, Baderia said. As the intensity of rainfall in the district reduced since Sunday, about 50 Dogra Regiment soldiers, 12 Navy divers, 62 National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) officials, Air Force officials and other State Disaster Response agencies are screening all the houses in affected areas.

"The State is working on constructing temporary structures using aluminium to house around 10,000 homeless people displaced due to the landslides," Baderia said. District officials have been asked to identify land for long-term rehabilitation of the homeless.

Under the National Rural Employment Scheme, the district officials said they will find employment opportunities for the displaced, including involving them in clearing the debris. The district will soon have common service centres that will issue duplicate identity cards, certificates and documents, which people may have lost in the heavy rain and floods.

Special DC for Kodagu

M.K. Jagadeesh has been appointed as Special Deputy Commissioner of Kodagu District to look into rehabilitation works. He will hold the responsibility of identifying suitable land and implement the State government's rehabilitation programmes, said Housing Minister U.T. Khader.

Khader was speaking to reporters in Madikeri yesterday. He said that suitable land will be identified in Madikeri and Somwarpet Taluks to rehabilitate the flood victims.

August rain washes away 87-year-old record rainfall

Bengaluru, Aug. 24 (UNI)-The South West Monsoon that lashed in Kodagu from Aug. 13 to Aug. 21 has surpassed the 87-year-old record rainfall.

In 1931, Kodagu had received a record rainfall of 1,559 mm in the month of August. But this month, the district has received 1,675 mm rain till Aug.21, according to Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) sources.

The District has received a record of 768 mm of rain in three days — Aug. 15, 16 and 17. This may also be one of the main reasons for the frequent landslides and devastation occurred, according to IMD Director Geetha Agnihotri.

On Aug. 17 single day, the rainfall received in the District was 300 mm.

With three of family dead, this youth has to rebuild his life

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (YDS&BCT)-His home built out of his hard-earned money was washed away right in front of his eyes by floods and landslides. Undeterred and with a presence of mind, he plunged into water to rescue his family members and saved them from drowning. And in the process, he had a providential escape from the jaws of death. Unfortunately, three members of his family are dead now.

This is the story of Yathish, who was admitted to Gopalagowda Shanthaveri Hospital in Mysuru. Doctors who treated him have advised him bed rest.

Yathish and his family lived in Katakeri that is around 6 kilometres from Madikeri. On the night of Aug. 16, the family was under the threat of being washed away by raging flood waters and simultaneous landslips.

Yathish's father Nanaiah, mother Kaveramma, uncle Appaiah, aunt Kaveramma, their son Pavan and his wife Usha along with their four-year-old child, and brother Jeevan were staying in a joint family with two houses next to each other.

On the fateful night of Aug.16, at around 3 am when the family was fast asleep, there was a loud sound from the hilly area where their house was located. It was pitch dark as powerlines had been snapped due to heavy rain and wind.

Sensing danger, Yathish sprang into action and saved his parents and brother and led them out of the house. He banged at the doors of his uncle's house and rescued that family too. Moments later, their house was washed away by water that gushed from the mountains.

The family was caught in the strong water current and three members were washed away. Next day, Yathish's parents were nowhere to be found.

Yathish was thrown away by forceful water and was found in a grievously injured state. An inconsolable Yathish's sister Beena narrated that three members of the family were dead and Yathish was unaware of this harsh truth.

Dreams shattered

Yathish had built his house two years back and had taken a bank loan of Rs. 20 lakh. The family had grown ginger around the house and the crop was very good as it is a hilly terrain.

"We had hoped for a bumper crop this year and were planning to repay a major part of the loan. Floods and landslides have washed away the crop and all that is remaining now is mud and slush," said Beena.

Yathish was unable to speak as he was seriously injured on his throat and his hands and legs were swollen due to the impact.

As he was unable to walk, Yathish had to be literally chair-lifted by his brother Jeevan and some villagers. He was taken to a relief centre at Madikeri and was shifted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru.

Denied bed at K.R. Hospital

At the K.R. Hospital, Yathish was denied a bed and was made to sleep on the floor where doctors had administered drips. He was not even given a bed sheet. This upset the already-traumatised family that decided to shift him to Gopalagowda Shanthaveri Hospital.

Hospital's gesture

Seeing the plight of Yathish and his family, the doctors and the hospital management decided not to charge any medical expenses. His treatment cost of Rs. 1.30 lakh was waived off and even the Rs. 30,000 that was deposited at the hospital during admission was returned to the family.

According to orthopaedic Dr. Umesh of the hospital, Yathish was brought to the hospital by Kurubarahalli Manju and Ravi. "At that time, Yathish had lost consciousness and his blood pressure had plummeted. I, Dr. Vinayak, Dr. Raghunath and Dr. Lakshmikanth treated him in the ICU for three days. His throat muscles were twisted, nose and left hand bones were crushed. We had to do a surgery on Aug. 18 and his condition is better now," he said.

Dr. Umesh added that after discharge (he was discharged on Aug. 22), Yathish has been advised to seek post-surgery medical intervention at Ashwini Hospital, Madikeri as it is impossible to make trips to Mysuru.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Ayogya	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Life Jothe Ondu Selfie	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Kavi	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
May 31st	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Raambo 2	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Dhoolipata	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Sarkari Hiriya Prathamika Shale	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Ondalla Eradalla	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Lakshmi	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Geetha Govindam	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Aatagallu	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
HINDI			
Satyameva Jayate	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	2 Shows
Happy Phirr Bhag Jayegi	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	2 Shows
Dhadak	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Candy Girl	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
RENOVATION WORKS UNDERWAY			
---	Lido	2420885	---
---	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	---
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Geetha Govindam (Te)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 4.00 pm, 7.00, 9.55 pm
Lakshmi (Ta)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Genius (H)	(S-2)	10.05 am
Ondalla Eradalla (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Life Jothe Ondh Selfie (K)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Sarkari Hiriya Prathamika Shale (K)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
Mile 22 (E)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Happy Phirr Bhag Jayegi (H)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 7.05
Ayogya (K)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Neevevaro (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Gold (H)	(S-4)	10.15 am, 3.00 pm
Alpha (E-3D)	(S-4)	1.00 pm, 5.50 pm, 7.50 pm, 9.55 pm

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Alpha (3D-E)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 2.40 pm, 7.40 pm
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	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Geeta Govindam (Te)	(S-3)	10.00 am
	(S-2)	12.40 pm, 6.35 pm
Ayogya (K)	(S-4)	12.30 pm
Gold (H)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Kavi (K)	(S-1)	12.15 pm
May 1st (K)	(S-4)	10.00 am
Dhoolipata (K)	(S-4)	9.45 pm
Ondalla Eradalla (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Life Jothe Ondh Selfie (K)	(S-4)	6.40 pm
Sarkari Hiriya Prathamika Shale (K)	(S-3)	3.35 pm
Lakshmi (Ta)	(S-1)	4.55 pm
Kolamavu Kokila (Ta)	(S-3)	9.50 pm

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Happy Phirr Bhag Jayegi (H)	*10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm*
May 1st (K)	*10.15 am*
Alpha (3D-E)	*11.45 am, 5.15 pm, 7.35 pm*
Ondalla Eradalla (K)	*1.00 pm*
Gold (H)	*1.05 pm, 9.55 pm*
Life Jothe Ondu Selfie (K)	*2.05 pm*
Sarkari Hiriya Prathamika Shale (K)	*4.20 pm*
Mile 22 (E)	*7.30 pm*
Ayogya (K)	*10.00 pm*

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (AUG.24)

Sangha Mitra-Mysore: Onam Sale, Government Employees Association Building, Dhanvantri Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**

Sahara Art And Crafts: Shopping Festival, Expo-cum-Sale of Handicrafts and Handlooms, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Third Sector Research Resource Centre (TSRRC) and Department of Studies in Commerce, University of Mysore: Special Lecture on 'Community Work and Business Without Borders' by Anna Iwasaki, CWB Network, Japan and 'Host to Host Tourism and Sustainable Development' by Prof. Natsu Matsui, Matsuyama University, Japan, Conference Hall, DoS in Commerce, Manasagangothri campus, University of Mysore, **3 pm.**

Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust: Inauguration of My Realty - 2018, a mega property show, Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda chief guest, CII Karnataka State Council Chairman Dr. N. Muthukumar and Sankalp Chairman and MD Dr. V.K. Jagadish Babu guests of honour, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, near Mall of Mysore, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Suttur Mutt, Mysuru: Shravana Masa, Pujanushtana and Discourse, Mass Prayer, **6 pm;** Dr. B.V. Vasanthakumar, Professor, Maharani's Arts College for Women, Mysuru, delivers discourse, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha, Sri Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions and Sri Venkatesha Sabha, Mysuru: Sri Vedanta Deshika's 750th annual celebrations and Sri Venkatesha Sabha's centenary celebrations, Sri Vedanta Deshika Lecture Series - 8 on the topic "Sri Vedanta Deshika's 'Upakara Sangraha,' by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sri Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

AIMIM: Public meeting of Asaduddin Owaisi, Member of Parliament, Hyderabad-Telengana, HUDCO Main Road, opposite Loyal World, **7 pm onwards.**

Sri Shaneshwaraswamy Bhakta Mandali, 1st Cross, Pensioners Block, Rajendranagar: 41st Shravanamasa Mahotsava, 'Sugama Sangeetha' by Ramya Kalatanda, T. Narasipur, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG.25)

Sri Shaneshwaraswamy Bhakta Mandali, 1st Cross, Pensioners Block, Rajendranagar: 41st Shravanamasa Mahotsava, Ganapati Puja, Sri Shaneshwara Puje, Navagraha Puje, Punyaha, Homa, Poornahuti, Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **8 am;** 'Harikathe' by Bilikere B.S. Gangadhara Achar and troupe, Hunsur, **7 pm.**

Sri Subrayadasara Sri Prasanna Venkataramanaswamy Temple and Sri Raghavendra Sannidhana: 347th Aradhana Mahotsava of Sri Raghavendra Swamy, Rigveda Upakarma, Go Puje Utsava and Mahamangalarati, **8 am.**

Panchamukhi Anjaneya Temple, Irwin Road: Shravana Shanivara, abhisheka, alankara, special puja, homa, Shani shanti, Navagraha shanti homa, sankalpa, **8 am;** Vishwakshenaaradhane, Ganapati Puje, Sankalpa, Punyaha, Homa, **9.30 am;** Purnahuti, Mahamangalarati and Theertha Prasada, **12.30 pm.**

National Sports Day Celebrations Committee, Mysuru and Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES): Maj. Dyanchand and Rajashekar Koti Memorial Hockey Tournament - 2018, Higher Education and District in-Charge Minister G.T. Devegwoda inaugurates, MLC Marithibbegowda chief guest, Committee President Ln. N. Krishnegowda presides, Chamundi Vihar Hockey Grounds, Nazarbad, **9 am.**

DoS in Commerce, Vidyavardhaka FGC: Inauguration of PG Students' Forum (2018-19), Arun Dixit, Co-Founder and CEO - Suman Laborataries, Shivamogga, chief guest, Gundappa Gowda, Hon. President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, presides, College auditorium, **10 am.**

Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust: Inauguration of My Realty - 2018, a mega property show, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, near Mall of Mysore, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Sahara Art And Crafts: Shopping Festival, Expo-cum-Sale of Handicrafts and Handlooms, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

Mysore Art Gallery: Theatre person Srikanta Gundappa Memorial Programme, exhibition of rare documents related to theatre, theatre artiste Mandya Ramesh inaugurates, Gallery President L. Shivalingappa presides, felicitation to Kalasuruchi Founder Vijaya Sindhuvalli and theatre lighting expert Raveesh, Gallery premises, Ramanuja Road 12th Cross, **11 am.**

MYRA School of Business: Grand Finale and Prize Distribution of #findyourmojo contest, Yaduveer Wadiyar chief guest, MYRA School of Business Founder and Chairperson Dr. Shalini R. Urs and Senior Associate Dean Dr. Sudhindra Seshadri will be present, Athena auditorium, MYRA premises, **4 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Yukteshanandaji speaks on 'Divine life of Sri Ramakrishna,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

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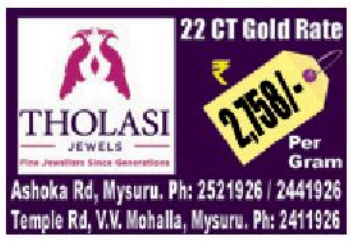
Shivasharane Hemareddy Mallamma Balaga: Shravana Sanje - Hemareddy Mallamma Purana Vaachana-Vyaakhyaana, Vaachana by Vidu. M.V. Shobha Raghavendra, Vyaakhyaana by Vidu. Dr. Jyothi Shankar, Sri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha, Sri Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions and Sri Venkatesha Sabha, Mysuru: Sri Vedanta Deshika's 750th annual celebrations and Sri Venkatesha Sabha's centenary celebrations, Sri Vedanta Deshika Lecture Series - 8 on the topic "Sri Vedanta Deshika's 'Upakara Sangraha,' by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sri Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

Rangavalli, Mysuru: Staging of play 'Parshwa Sangeetha,' Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**



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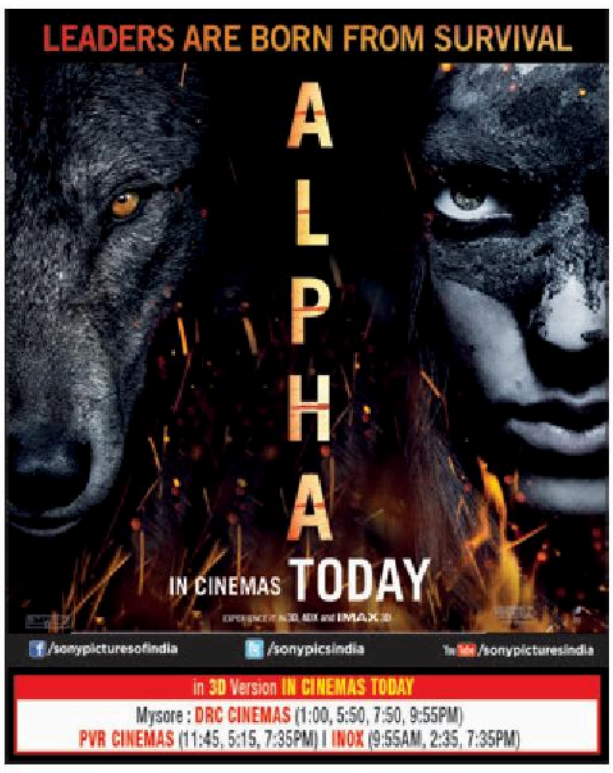
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